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Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 19:03:11 EDT
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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: QRP-L digest 3049

QRP-L Digest 3049

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21) [158072] Re: The Latest Email Viruses
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22) [158073] Thanks
by Joel M Denison <hamjoel@juno.com>
23) [158074] FW: If you use eBay...
by Adam Farson <farson@shaw.ca>
24) [158075] Re: Ah needs Help...
by "Steve Yates - AA5TB" <aa5tb@arrl.net>
25) [158076] Re: The Latest Email Viruses
by Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>
26) [158077] Re: WTB: Small magnetic loop
by Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>
27) [158078] DDS Daughtercard Kit and chip for sale
by Noah Lorang <NoahLorang@nc.rr.com>
28) [158079] QRP Ideas
by "Charles Mabbott" <aa8vs@msn.com>
29) [158080] MFJ SBF-2 audio filter FS
by "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>
30) [158081] Fwd: DDS Daughtercard Kit and chip for sale
by Noah Lorang <NoahLorang@nc.rr.com>
31) [158082] Re: DDS Daughtercard Kit and chip for sale
by "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@clearviewcatv.net>
32) [158083] QRP by candlelight...plus, IC-703 current draw in (my) real
world...Hurricane Isabel...
by <bill@n4qa.com>
33) [158084] Antenna restrictions
by "Laurent C. Lafond" <aa1qj@earthlink.net>
34) [158085] Re: WTB: Small magnetic loop
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
35) [158086] Re: Antenna restrictions
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
36) [158087] Re: Logbook of the World
by "Al AE2T" <ae2t@arrl.net>
37) [158088] WANTED: IC-706MKII (G?)
by Stephen Wandling <stephen@SwiftsureConsulting.com>
38) [158089] Re: [Re: Antenna restrictions]
by Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
39) [158090] New Cascade QRP Club website
by "Lee Hopper" <leehopp@msn.com>
40) [158091] Ten-Tec 1254 problem
by Peter Burbank <peterlee@qx.net>
41) [158092] New Houston QRP Group
by Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
42) [158093] QRP Afield
by "John Sielke" <jsielke@pobox.com>

- 43) [158094] Re: QRP Afield - Conditions in Alaska
by Jim Larsen <JimLarsen2002@alaska.net>
- 44) [158095] FS: Norcal 49er Stuff
by "Alan Fryer" <N3BJ@hotmail.com>
- 45) [158096] Re: QRP Ideas
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.us>
- 46) [158097] Re: QRP Afield
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.us>

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 16:16:34 -0500
From: wa0goz@arrl.net
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [158052] OT More virus
Message-ID: <3F6B7232.1F74@arrl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Is anyone else on the list having this trouble?

Henry WA0GOZ

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 17:33:15 -0400
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@cinci.rr.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158053] Re: ZIFF sockets
Message-ID: <004001c37ef5\$a2617890\$b8cf1d41@cinci.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

well darn...gotta spell it right to find it :)

It's a ZIF socket not ZIFF :(

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio
Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39:13:05N 84:18:18W
RIG:multiPIG+ ANT:470 FT Horiz Loop <http://kitsandparts.com>

----- Original Message -----

From: "w8diz" <w8diz@cinci.rr.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2003 4:43 PM
Subject: ZIFF sockets

Where can one buy 20 pin ZIFF sockets?

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio
Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39:13:05N 84:18:18W
RIG:multiPIG+ ANT:470 FT Horiz Loop <http://kitsandparts.com>

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 15:06:35 -0700 (PDT)
From: Alan <aadelma@yahoo.com>
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158054] WTB: Small magnetic loop
Message-ID: <20030919220635.86563.qmail@web14003.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Want to buy small magnetic loop which tunes down to 10
Mhz such as mfj, isoloop, etc., to add to my indoor
antenna farm. Yes, I know, longer wire antennas are
better, but I need something I can get as far away
from my neighbor's TV as possible!

Thanks -- Alan, wb2erj, aadelma@yahoo.com

Do you Yahoo!?
Yahoo! SiteBuilder - Free, easy-to-use web site design software
<http://sitebuilder.yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 18:09:14 -0400
From: "sslyon" <sslyon@megalink.net>
To: <rod@n0rc.us>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158055] QRP Afield plans?

Message-ID: <001801c37efa\$a97bea20\$41c7e742@megalink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If it dries out around here in time, I plan to be up on the top of my
hill -where the bear and moose hang out :8 |

It's a real bushwhack to get there, but a couple of 50' trees at a good heading
are just right for an "Eighty-Eight" :8)

'Tis the "romantic" season for bear, so I'll be toting a .44 and NO snacks :8 (
(the bears have been getting way too friendly around here lately)

Packing lite: A-T SPrint, (20+40m) SPaddle and a trusty 12V Makita drill
battery :8)

Haven't checked the prop. yet, -sure hope the turnout is good. Will be looking
for DX stations, too.

73/72

seab

aa1my

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 19:44:04 -0300
From: Dave Marling <ve1vq@auracom.com>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158056] schematic of MOT Spirit Pro+
Message-ID: <6.0.0.20.0.20030919193518.01ba8878@mail.auracom.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Does anyone have a schematic for a MOTOROLA Spirit Pro+ ? I've done the
usual GOOGLE check but found nothing in the way of diagrams. I'm
specifically looking for the audio and transmit/receive jacks on the side
to see how the keying and audio is done. Even better would be the
schematic for the vox/manual keying headset/mic.

Dave
VE1VQ

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 15:38:24 -0600 (CST)

From: "Brian.Buydens@usask.ca" <buydens@duke.usask.ca>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158057] OT: Re: The Latest Email Viruses
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.4.53.0309191537220.403712@duke.usask.ca>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Sophos has some information on this worm. See:

<http://www.sophos.com/virusinfo/analyses/w32gibef.html>

Brian.

On Fri, 19 Sep 2003, Bob Nielsen wrote:

> On Fri, Sep 19, 2003 at 06:19:29AM -0700, Chris Trask wrote:
> > This Worm.AUTOMAT.AHB is new, and even Symantec doesn't have much
> > information on it:
> >
> > <http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/dyn/42036.html>
> >
> > Good to see that they responded to it in such short time. The ones that I'm
> > getting are from a wide variety of ISPs, including some from Brazil,
> > Holland, and Russia.
>
> I've received 32 copies this morning, in addition to several yesterday.
> This one seems to be the most heavily propagated virus I've seen. I
> may need to replace my delete key if it keeps up.
>
> Bob, N7XY
>

Brian Buydens
Veterinary Electronic Data Specialist
Computing Services, University of Saskatchewan
email: Brian.Buydens@usask.ca
<http://duke.usask.ca/~buydens>
VE5RDV

I am a proud citizen of "Soviet Canuckistan"

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 16:15:23 -0700
From: Stephen Wandling <stephen@SwiftsureConsulting.com>
To: ve1vq@auracom.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158058] Re: schematic of MOT Spirit Pro+
Message-ID: <3F6B8E0B.9050805@SwiftsureConsulting.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=windows-1252; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Is this close: <http://www.batlabs.com/images/sp10sch.gif>

Dave Marling wrote:

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> the usual GOOGLE check but found nothing in the way of diagrams. I'm
> specifically looking for the audio and transmit/receive jacks on the
> side to see how the keying and audio is done. Even better would be the
> schematic for the vox/manual keying headset/mic.
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> Dave
> VE1VQ
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Regards,

Stephen Wandling
Project Manager
Swiftsure Consulting

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F: (604) 648-8945

"The failure to strive for completeness is probably the most common failing in the thinking of all individuals. We focus our eyes on one small truth so hypnotically that we neglect all other truths."
Sam Keen

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 16:46:27 -0700

From: Adam Farson <farson@shaw.ca>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@LEHIGH.EDU>
Subject: [158059] RE: If you use eBay...
Message-ID: <DMEILAEADPNBAHKBNMMHMEGIGDAA.farson@shaw.ca>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

In fact, if you do receive such a message, you should report it immediately to eBay Security and forward a copy to them, with full headers.

Cheers for now, 73,
Adam VA7OJ/AB4OJ

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 00:49:42 +0100
From: "Paul" <pswarman@screaming.net>
To: <w8diz@cinci.rr.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158060] RE: ZIFFF sockets
Message-ID: <MDBBICDMMCDMILMAPJBFEEAKCPAA.pswarman@screaming.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Try Farnells at <http://uk.farnell.com>

type zif socket they have several.

Let me know if I can help further

Paul
G0odp

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of w8diz
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2003 9:44 PM
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: ZIFF sockets

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Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 17:13:26 -0700
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158061] Re: OT More virus
Message-ID: <20030920001326.GA20818@n7xy.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

On Fri, Sep 19, 2003 at 04:16:34PM -0500, wa0goz@arrl.net wrote:
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> far I've gotten 525 spams, some with virus's. My ISP says it's because
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I suspect many are. In checking the headers of the ones I received, it
appears that none were via the arrl.net forwarder.

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 19:47:34 -0500
From: "Jeff Imel" <jeffimel@hotmail.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158062] 10 mW CW Beacon 7052.0 kHz
Message-ID: <BAY9-DAV11n9cvKluev00004ad5@hotmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

My 10 mW CW beacon will be on tonight until around 0500 UTC on 7052.0 kHz.

Antenna is a NVIS dipole mounted approximately 5 feet off of the ground
between my house and the neighbor's house.

You can send reception reports to jeffimel@hotmail.com.

Thanks and 73!

Jeff
KB9ZUR

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 21:34:01 -0400
From: Joel M Denison <hamjoel@juno.com>
To: fpqrp-l@mpna.com, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [158063] Ah needs Help...
Message-ID: <20030919.213402.-133005.0.hamjoel@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

High y'all,
I am very depressed at the lack of dx i'm hearing on 40 meters..
is it not yet time for the dx to flow on 40
I hear a little however I thought I would hear a lot with the moxon
and all...
is my timing off or just me... hee. hee...

The best thing to hit the internet in years - Juno SpeedBand!
Surf the web up to FIVE TIMES FASTER!
Only \$14.95/ month - visit www.juno.com to sign up today!

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 21:54:40 -0400
From: "Armin Hachmer" <armin@muskoka.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, <antennas@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [158064] For Sale
Message-ID: <001501c37f1a\$29a40c40\$5d6c7bd8@muskoka.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

MFJ 1976 Vertical antenna 40,20.15,10,6,2m \$85 (120.Cdn)

MFJ 9420 QRP Txcvr 20m CW and SSB \$150 (200. Cdn)

Icom AH2 autotuner \$150. (200.Cdn)

All in good condition. You ship. Ask for pix, details.

Armin Hachmer VE3TEQ
RR1 MacTier, Ontario
POC 1H0
705-375-2276
armin@muskoka.com

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 19:00:06 -0700
From: "Chris Trask" <chistrask@earthlink.net>
To: <wa0goz@arrl.net>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158065] Re: OT More virus
Message-ID: <068501c37f1b\$40804ae0\$55054bab@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
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On Friday, September 19, 2003, WA0GOZ wrote:

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Henry,

In case you haven't noticed the traffic on this subject lately, we are
all being bombarded with emails having 106K files containing the
Worm.automat.ahb virus. It comprises almost 90% of my email for the past
two days. And it is not necessarily the ARRL email list.

Chris

/-----. / What's all this \ / extinct stuff, anyhow? / \\-----,-----' _ / oo\ (__)\ \\ \ . ' '	High Performance Mixers and Amplifiers for RF Communications Chris Trask / N7ZWY Principal Engineer Sonoran Radio Research P.O. Box 25240 Tempe, Arizona 85285-5240
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IEEE Member #40274515

Email: chistrask@earthlink.net
<http://www.home.earthlink.net/~chistrask>

Graphics by Loek Frederiks

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 21:01:38 -0500
From: "Jeff Imel" <jeffimel@hotmail.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158066] QSY to 7050. 10 mW CW Beacon
Message-ID: <BAY9-DAV14x6M3jVnXc000078c9@hotmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I just QSY'ed the 10 mW CW beacon down to 7050 kHz to avoid a CW net.

73

Jeff
KB9ZUR

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jeff Imel" <jeffimel@hotmail.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2003 7:47 PM
Subject: 10 mW CW Beacon 7052.0 kHz

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> KB9ZUR
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Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 22:06:23 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: aadelma@yahoo.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158067] Re: WTB: Small magnetic loop
Message-ID: <3F6BB61F.3E717BD2@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This sounds like a contradiction in terms. How can an indoor antenna be farther from your neighbor's TV? The loop will radiate to the wiring. Your neighbor will see you anyway and you won't get out well either.

I used a MFJ loop for a while. I mounted it on my third floor balcony. The only QSO I made was about 100 miles away and that was in the noise! The problem was the antenna was shielded by the building.

If you are having TVI problems, filtering is the answer! Find out where you have interference, through the antenna or through the power lines. There are established cures for each.

73

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 21:38:09 -0500
From: Brian <brian@iquest.net>
To: Joel M Denison <hamjoel@juno.com>
Cc: "" <fpqrp-1@mpna.com>, "" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158068] Re: [fpqrp] Ah needs Help...
Message-ID: <1064025489.3f6bbd910a42c@webmail.iquest.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Tonight I am hearing more signals on my conch shell than my K1.

The bands are El Poopo

Quoting Joel M Denison <hamjoel@juno.com>:

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> -----
> The best thing to hit the internet in years - Juno SpeedBand!
> Surf the web up to FIVE TIMES FASTER!
> Only \$14.95/ month - visit www.juno.com to sign up today!
> -To unsubscribe, mail to majordomo@fpqrp.com, msg: unsubscribe fpqrp-l -
>

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 20:48:59 -0600
From: Tim Groat <tcgroat@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [158069] Re: The Latest Email Viruses
Message-ID: <5.1.1.6.2.20030919203434.00a585f0@mail.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Non-Windows users need not read this.

It's a good idea to set your Explorer options ("My Computer") so that it always displays all file extensions. The details vary a bit between versions; the Win95 menu path is View-->Options-->View and then UN-select "Hide MS-Dos file extensions for file types that are registered". The attachments commonly use a file name ending with what appears to be an innocent extension (such as `family_picture.jpg.pif`), disguising an executable attachment as an image or text file. The perpetrators count on the default Windows setting, which is to display the attached file as `trojan.jpg`, to encourage victims to open their malicious attachment. This can help you avoid new attacks between virus scanner updates.

72,
--Tim (KR0U)

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 21:04:01 -0600
From: William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [158070] Re: Ah needs Help...
Message-ID: <20030919.210403.-359125.12.w5xe@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have heard G, ON, F and EA stations out this way on my verticals. So perhaps it is the time of day you are listening, or maybe the antenna is not oriented the proper direction for the area you want. A polar projection map such as used to be in the old Callbook is very helpful in aligning directional antennas. You might have to adjust your operating times a bit.

GL

Ray

"Politicians are like nappies. Both should be changed regularly -- and for the same reason"

"Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"

Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M SOC#78
fp #111 ARCI-5784 NCT2R El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 20:29:43 -0700 (PDT)
From: Daryl Cline <wb4yex@yahoo.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [158071] Backpacking QRP WV
Message-ID: <20030920032943.13746.qmail@web10506.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

I will be working 40 and 20 meters QRP CW only next saturday evening from Dolly Sods Wilderness WV (Grant County) on a backpacking trip. I will post times later in the week as our sched becomes more clear.If you would like a specific sched please contact me email at daryl@shentel.net

Daryl WB4YEX

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Daryl WB4YEXHarrisonburg, Va.YAHOO Messenger ID "wb4yex" AIM "daryl6591"

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<http://sitebuilder.yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 20:31:46 -0700
From: "Chris Trask" <chistrask@earthlink.net>
To: <tcgroat@earthlink.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158072] Re: The Latest Email Viruses
Message-ID: <078801c37f27\$b99e0960\$55054bab@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> it always displays all file extensions. The details vary a bit between
> versions; the Win95 menu path is View-->Options-->View and then UN-
> select "Hide MS-Dos file extensions for file types that are registered".
> The attachments commonly use a file name ending with what appears to be
> an innocent extension (such as family_picture.jpg.pif), disguising an
> executable attachment as an image or text file. The perpetrators count
> on the default Windows setting, which is to display the attached file
> as trojan.jpg, to encourage victims to open their malicious attachment.
> This can help you avoid new attacks between virus scanner updates.
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Tim,

Thank you for posting this. I have long wondered how to go about having
the file extensions listed when using Windows Explorer. Now I can see
everything that I've needed to properly find and manage files.

Chris

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 / What's all this \
 / extinct stuff, anyhow? /
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Graphics by Loek Frederiks

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 23:41:31 -0400
From: Joel M Denison <hamjoel@juno.com>
To: fpqrp-1@mpna.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [158073] Thanks
Message-ID: <20030919.234131.-392697.1.hamjoel@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks for the feedback on the dx...my ant is oriented ok... should knock the stuffings outta europe, africa etc... I will vary my time...

I keep looking at my rc sailplane meaux and meaux... it's been setten up for a coupla years now and i just found a new source of whatever its called to make a high start for the plane... was thinking of building a new body too... wonder if I can put some ham monitors in the plane... that will send me airspeed attitude or othersuch things....

u know flying is special like haming....kinda like being held in the hands of god and carried around from place to place...

have to check the freq of the rc... this bpl thing might wipe me out...

well guess i'll tallk with the guineas.... its gonna be a long blue nite...

but it's ok now I looked up and saw bottom...

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Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 20:45:24 -0700
From: Adam Farson <farson@shaw.ca>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158074] FW: If you use eBay...
Message-ID: <DMEILAEADPNBAHKBNMMHMEHBGDAA.farson@shaw.ca>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Further information: Here is a genuine eBay website in which this spoof fraud is discussed at length.

http://pages.ebay.com/help/index_popup.html?confidence=spoof-email.html

If you have any doubt whether an email is from eBay, forward the message to <mailto:spoof@ebay.com> immediately. Don't alter the subject line or forward the message as an attachment - doing so makes it more difficult for eBay Security to react quickly.

Cheers for now, 73,
Adam VA7OJ/AB4OJ

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 23:31:35 -0500
From: "Steve Yates - AA5TB" <aa5tb@arrl.net>
To: "QRP-L Distribute" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158075] Re: Ah needs Help...
Message-ID: <000301c37f30\$14236e90\$9b37a6d8@MAIN>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Joel,

>From here in Texas I just had a ragchew with Argentina on 40m at 0316 UTC with pretty descent signals both ways. 9L1JT from Sierra Leone was coming in pretty good to but I didn't work him. Conditions are a bit disturbed tonight however and the higher latitudes where you are at may be really messed up. I've worked Namibia and Brazil within the last week too on 40m when conditions were better. My antenna is an

inverted-L with a SGC SG-237 autotuner.

Listen for most of the DX below 7.010 kHz with the less rare stations filling up the spectrum above that. Local sunset and sunrise are the best times for the exotic stuff but keep in mind that at your local sunset most of the Europeans are probably fast asleep. Tonight I'm not hearing anything above 40m so low bands are king right now.

73,
Steve Yates - AA5TB

<http://www.qsl.net/aa5tb/>

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 05:59:36 -0400 (EDT)
From: Thom LaCosta <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>
To: Chris Trask <chrisrask@earthlink.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158076] Re: The Latest Email Viruses
Message-ID: <20030920055757.K84612-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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> the file extensions listed when using Windows Explorer. Now I can see
> everything that I've needed to properly find and manage files.

You can also select list as the type of display....that way you'll actually see the entire filename, rather than the truncated display if you have a lot of files in a folder.

Thom

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Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 09:05:50 -0400
From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [158077] Re: WTB: Small magnetic loop
Message-ID: <20030920.092420.9198.0.kc8aon@juno.com>

On Fri, 19 Sep 2003 22:06:23 -0400 Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
writes:

and you won't get out well either. I used a MFJ loop for a while. I
mounted it on my third floor balcony. The only QSO I made was about 100
miles away and that was in the noise! The problem was the antenna was
shielded by the building.
<snip>

A friend of mine worked Croatia, France, and Italy from southern Ohio
with his homebrew mag loop while it was still hanging from the floor
joists in his BASEMENT workshop ! Yes, from about 3 feet under ground !
And that was with 50 watts from an old Atlas 210X on 20 meter SSB, and he
received 5x7 signal reports from all 3 contacts ! So, don't give up on
your endeavor just yet !

Disclaimer: This message was not intended to belittle Bruce in anyway,
just
wanted to show that all situations are not the
same.

72/73 de: Rick McKee, KC8AON <> Willow Wood, Ohio <> Grid: EM88rl
SW 40+, SW-20+, Norcal BLT, Norcal Cascade, Yaesu FT-7,
Homebrew 6V6 tube TX & Hallicrafters SW500 RX
QRP-L #2112, FPqrp #33, AR QRP, AmQRP, Ohio Valley Fists
I'll give up CW when I'm dead ! MAYBE !

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Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 11:24:20 -0400
From: Noah Lorang <NoahLorang@nc.rr.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu, fpqrp-1@mpna.com
Subject: [158078] DDS Daughtercard Kit and chip for sale
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20030920112017.02ba6f48@pop-server.nc.rr.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Given that AmQRP is out of these, maybe I'll be able to get rid of this one.

I have a complete DDS Daughtercard kit available for sale, including the AD9850BRS DDS chip, which wouldn't normally come with the kit. Everything is in perfect condition, and the kit has not been started. The chip has been protected in the same shipping method as it was shipped to me by the supplier-it has never been handled.

I had every intention of building this, but I don't have the time (or skill) to build such a small surface mount kit. Never done surface mount before, and this isn't the way I think I'll end up starting.

Cost is \$12 including shipping to anywhere in the US or Canada. Shipped elsewhere, you pay the cost of shipping after \$1. Payment by PayPal only.

Kit goes to first person who sends me an e-mail with shipping info. Will be shipped Monday.

Info on kit available here:
<http://www.njqrp.org/dds/index.html>

Noah

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 11:44:00 -0400
From: "Charles Mabbott" <aa8vs@msn.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU, w8diz@cinci.rr.com
Subject: [158079] QRP Ideas
Message-ID: <BAY5-F20dKlqJ08Zy3w00003dce@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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We have a group here in MI that is thinking about a couple of QRP things to do at the Plymouth Museum in Plymouth, MI.

Set a time up to build QRP kit and put it on the air and the winner of contest is who makes the first contact.

Who is a good supplier for the kits for a quick assembly time?

About how long is a reasonable amount of time to allow for the assembly and testing?

What band would be recommended 40/ 20 or ?

What test equipment should be available to assist?

Next idea is

Setup a sprint typ event 4 or 8 hours

Limited resource antennas [700' loop and Gap vertical] so thinking about setting up time limit of 1/2 to 1 hour depending on interest

Contact could be confirmed by contacting the club station after contact

These are just some thoughts I am tossing out, be interested in hearing some feed back, thanks in advance.

73 oo

Chuck AA8VS

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons."

<http://68.43.100.7:81/aa8vs>

>From: "w8diz" <w8diz@cinci.rr.com>

>Reply-To: w8diz@cinci.rr.com

>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: Re: ZIFF sockets
>Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2003 17:33:15 -0400
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>well darn...gotta spell it right to find it :)
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>It's a ZIF socket not ZIFF :(
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>72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio
>Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39:13:05N 84:18:18W
>RIG:multiPIG+ ANT:470 FT Horiz Loop <http://kitsandparts.com>
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>----- Original Message -----
>From: "w8diz" <w8diz@cinci.rr.com>
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Sent: Friday, September 19, 2003 4:43 PM
>Subject: ZIFF sockets
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>Where can one buy 20 pin ZIFF sockets?
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Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 12:00:50 -0400
From: "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>
To: "QRP List" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158080] MFJ SBF-2 audio filter FS
Message-ID: <CJENLDMADFCJIFBODNPGIEAHEAAA.W8EK@fdt.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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This filter is very similar to the MFJ CWF-2, except it is for use on SSB. It is an audio filter, and operates off of a 9 V battery, or "wall wort" power supply. It has audio in and out jacks, and a headphone jack. The selectivity is variable with switch selections of 1.5 KHz, 2.0 KHz, 2.5 KHz, or "high pass" mode. If course there is also an on-off switch that also bypasses the unit. It is all in a nice little enclosure, approximately 2 inches high, 3 1/4 inches wide, and 4 1/2 inches deep.

This one works fine, and looks great.

With paper work for \$15 plus shipping from Florida.

Thanks.

73,

Ken, W8EK

Ken Simpson

E-mail to W8EK@fdt.net or W8EK@arrl.net

Voice Phone (352) 732-8400

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 12:06:28 -0400
From: Noah Lorang <NoahLorang@nc.rr.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, fpqrp-l@mpna.com
Subject: [158081] Fwd: DDS Daughtercard Kit and chip for sale
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20030920120557.02ba6e00@pop-server.nc.rr.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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The kit sold in under an hour.

Noah

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Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 12:43:24 -0400
From: "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@clearviewcatv.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158082] Re: DDS Daughtercard Kit and chip for sale
Message-ID: <00ae01c37f96\$541f8680\$e6307d41@n2apb>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey Noah, you might have missed the postings and note in the manual
describing a resource we arranged for those finding it troublesome to build
up the DDS Daughtercard. You can contact Mike at KitBuilders
(wa6ouw@aol.com) and have him attach the chip to the pcb, or even assemble
the whole kit, and ship it right back to you all for a more-than-reasonable
price.

73, George N2APB

PS: Due to a great response after our announcement of being "sold out", we're going to order another batch of DDS Daughtercard parts sooner than the holiday time frame mentioned before. Therefore, we should have DDS Daughtercards again available by the time of the QRPacificon Forum next month.

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 13:28:12 -0400
From: <bill@n4qa.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158083] QRP by candlelight...plus, IC-703 current draw in (my) real world...Hurricane Isabel...
Message-ID: <000701c37f9c\$92d27e40\$8b26ad80@f1n5n8>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi, y'all.

Hurricane Isabel came calling Thursday night.

We're a couple hundred miles inland here and we really didn't expect much action from her.

We were without electric power for about 16 hours...we're about to lose our favorite Maple tree...and the satellite dish was ripped from the back porch railing, saved from being deposited in the next county only by its coax tether.

But the VA Tech/Texas A&M football game was played on schedule(Go Hokies).

My XYL & her sister were there...talk about staunch fans...

I was gonna watch the game on TV...WHY haven't I bought that generator yet...

I stumbled around the house and found a few candles/holders/matches.

Rolled the deep-cycle battery into the den from the garage on a two-wheel dolly.

Hooked it up to the Icom '703 and worked John, N0EVH, in Estes Park, Colorado on 7040.

Then, Ellie and I hopped into the LA-Z-Boy recliner and listened to the final minutes of the game on the battery-powered R/S DX-390.

Ellie and I stayed nice and dry...Martha and Julia were soaked from head to toe.

Today, I put the Fluke 8060A in series with the '703's supply line from the battery.

With no attempt at using current-saving features:

600 mA receiving strong signals, moderate volume;
1.6 Amps transmit @ 5 Watts out on 40 meters in CW mode;
600 uA with the rig turned off.
Well, the grass should be dry enough by now...I'd better get out
there(sigh).
Never saw such thick, green grass around here in late September...

73.
Bill, N4QA
<http://www.n4qa.com>

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 10:52:57 -0700
From: "Laurent C. Lafond" <aa1qj@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [158084] Antenna restrictions
Message-ID: <3F6C93F9.2090708@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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link to it?

I had it bookmarked, but what with changing computers and moving and
etc., I lost it.

Any help would be appreciated.

tk's & 72s
Laurent
aa1qj@earthlink.net

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 14:03:20 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: kc8aon@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158085] Re: WTB: Small magnetic loop
Message-ID: <3F6C9668.97A3648B@erols.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Rick.

I have been around ham radio long enough to know the results of one station really can't be extrapolated to another because the two stations are rarely located in the same spot!

First of all, I was running 5 watts from my TS130V, not 50 watts from an Atlas 210X.

Second, my experience was on 30 meters, not 20!

But most important, you missed the entire question I was asking. How could an indoor antenna be further away from his neighbor's TV than an outdoor antenna? And has he really thought where the interference is coming from? Is it coming through the power line or through the antenna? Power lines are probably involved, because when was the last time you heard of TVI from a 5 watt transmitter (unless it was hooked directly to the TV input)?

73

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 14:15:49 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <aa1qj@earthlink.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158086] Re: Antenna restrictions
Message-ID: <002101c37fa3\$3b561580\$0200a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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> tks & 72s
> Laurent
> aa1qj@earthlink.net

Ruling? What ruling?

Bottom line is, if your HOA has rules, you have to follow them.

But, first off, you have to know what the rules are. Find that out first. Then find out if any rules have changed since you 'came under' the influence of the HOA.

Now, if you can show that others don't follow the rules, and they are not chastised for it, you can make a very strong case that the rule no longer applies.

If you can show that something like a HAM antenna is restricted unreasonably, then you might also have a case. But the only times I've heard of that is when they do something silly like allow HAM antennas but restrict them to something like 20 feet.

However, if the restriction that's affecting you is based on a deed restriction or a covenant, then it probably won't matter. It will be tough cookies.

But in ALL cases, find out the info first. Then I'd talk to a LOCAL attorney to find out what is a reasonable and realistic expectation of what you can expect to be up against. THEN and only then try to push the rules to where you want them to be.

Mike

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 14:19:51 -0400
From: "Al AE2T" <ae2t@arrl.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [158087] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <3F6C6207.28716.1DDC0E3C@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

> As to the cost and time it takes to QSL:
>

> Sometimes I go fishing. Feed the fish some worms, and when they decide
> to get hooked to meet me, I thank them, wish them a great day, and I
> throw them back
> in the water. On the way home I may pick up some shark steaks for
> diner. Kinda silly when you think of it.....spending all that money on
> gear and bait and the time it takes to get to the fishing spot and wait
> for those darn fish to bite. And above all, all this just to throw back
> the catch of the day and then spend even more money to eat some fish.
> Only humans can come up with such silly concepts. We should be more
> efficient....because we can, right?
>

To follow your analogy about fishing, some people fish because they need the fish to eat, others fish for the enjoyment of fishing. For the hobby fisherman, as you describe, the fish itself is not the purpose. Some people I know joke about fishing without baiting the hook, just so they don't catch anything. The enjoyment is just getting out on the water and relaxing. But to someone who needs the fish to eat, or to sell to make a living, there is no romantic attachment to the act of fishing, or the fish, it is just a job.

QSLing is like that. If you are after an award, the only reason you want that card is to complete the requirement for the award. You are not emotionally attached to the piece of paper. Replacing it with another means of verification is okay, especially if it eases the burden on those who supply the QSOs for those who chase awards. But if you want to commemorate a QSO that means something to you with a handwritten exchange of information, then a paper QSL is entirely appropriate. Better yet, send a letter. Include a photo.

Just because some people fish for enjoyment and some fish to survive, doesn't make one or the other wrong. Nor should one threaten the other's existence.

The same is true for paper QSLs versus electronic verification. They are similar, yet different and one should not threaten the existence of the other. You are free to send paper QSLs as long as you like. You are free to streamline your award verification using modern technology. Neither one invalidates the other. Do both if you want.

> I just received cards in the mail this past week (direct) from Djibouti,
> Burkina Faso and Namibia. Awesome pictures, handwritten notes,
> remembering the nice contact we had with the card in the hand. I know
> this young fella who collects stamps and I can just imagine how happy
> he'll be when he gets these stamps.
>

I have gotten to know a number of people over the air in my Ham

career. There have been some memorable QSOs. I have QSL cards that I remember and enjoy looking back on. But let's not wax too poetic on them. The bulk of all the QSOs I have ever made are mundane and routine. Especially contest and DX QSOs. I'm lucky if I can remember the operator's name the next day, without looking in the log. Unless I'm chasing an award, I don't need their W4MPY or "Little Print Shop" cookie-cutter QSL card that looks like every other one. And that they only sent because they need mine for some award. QSLing for 90% of QSOs is an expensive drudgery that is totally unnecessary if electronic verification is available. Let's save the expensive, custom-color picture QSLs for the memorable QSOs and handle the guy who only wants to fill in another spot on his WAS chart electronically.

>Right now I'm reading "Hello World", a book that wouldn't exist in a
> world consisting of only eQSLs and Trusted QSLs. Or how about looking at
> all the cool cards on the wall when you visit a fellow ham's shack. It
> speaks. It speaks of great distances which take radio waves only a
> fraction of a second to conquer, but days or weeks to travel. The sense
> of a 4th dimension handed to you by hamradio, made tangible by a card. I
> pick romance over efficiency any time! :)
>

Let's imagine the authors of "Hello World" had come across a shoebox of excess QSLs left over from a big contester. Thousands of cards - all looking the same, computer printed labels with the QSO information generated by logging software. The book wouldn't exist then either. They would have been so bored, they would never have written it.

Those are the QSLs that will be replaced by electronic verification. The memorable ones have nothing to be worried about.

So keep on arguing in favor of traditional paper QSL cards. You're absolutely right. And those in favor of electronic verification of QSOs for awards purposes may keep on arguing the merits of that. They are absolutely right too. You see, you are both arguing about two different things, not two sides of the same thing. You are both right. You're just different kinds of fishermen.

72,

Al AE2T

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 11:20:01 -0700
From: Stephen Wandling <stephen@SwiftsureConsulting.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158088] WANTED: IC-706MKII (G?)
Message-ID: <3F6C9A51.3040806@SwiftsureConsulting.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A fellow local club member has given me a whack on the side of the head and caused me to realize that I am probably not going to have much fun getting back into ham radio, after a 30 year hiatus, using a boat anchor for a rcvr, since I am also interested in PSK31, Pactor, etc. I will still homebrew QRP gear, but it might be awhile before I had something functional on the air.

Sooooo, I am now in the market for a used IC-706MKIIG. (Just the MKII without 70cm would be OK, I guess.)

A big factor is that I am in Vancouver, BC Canada. Most of the Ebay and other sellers, don't seem to want to cross the line. I would be prepared to drive to one of the Northwest states: Oregon, Washington or Idaho, if the price was right. A bonus would be to find one in Canada.

If this isn't the best place to post this, please let me know.

Stephen

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 13:34:17 -0500
From: Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
To: <myetsko@insydesw.com>, <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158089] Re: [Re: Antenna restrictions]
Message-ID: <497HiTsIR5824S03.1064082857@uwdvg003.cms.usa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

And keep in mind that sometimes you can "win" but not really win. We had =
a
local guy here who "won," but is now out something like \$35,000, as the j= udge
ruled in his favor, but did not award legal fees to him. As I understand
things, his wife lost her job with the city over it too. I was also told =

the
League hasn't helped with the legal fees either, although I do not know w=
hy. =

We can/should have antenna rights, but sometimes stealth can be the better=
part
of valor. =

mike
k5wmg

Date: Thu, 18 Sep 2003 20:36:55 -0700
From: "Lee Hopper" <leehopp@msn.com>
To: "Posting to the list QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>,
<deandavis@alpinesoft.com>
Subject: [158090] New Cascade QRP Club website
Message-ID: <BAY4-DAV65dUeGrIsqs00000e22@hotmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi, guys -

Just wanted to announce the new Cascade QRP Club of the greater Portland,
OR, area website at <<http://www.cascadeqrp.org/cascadeqrp/>>

Go there and find out what a wiki is (some of us are still scratching our
heads) :) Just kidding - we find a new challenge in allowing the whole
community to edit the pages found there (keep it clean, bro').

Thanks to Dean Davis, KL7OR, our webmaster.

Anyhow, stop by and maybe you'll want to organize a wiki of your own.

73 -

Lee Hopper, NB7F

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 16:33:18 -0400

From: Peter Burbank <peterlee@qx.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [158091] Ten-Tec 1254 problem
Message-ID: <5.2.0.9.0.20030920154107.00a09e30@mail.qx.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I recently completed the general coverage receiver and it works great for SWling. One glitch however.....the tuning encoder has me scratching my head. When tuning higher from (say) 15 mC, every 4th increment results in no change in frequency. Tuning down from 15 mC is even stranger and results in 15000, 15005, 15000, 14995, 15000, 14995, 14990, 14995, 14990, 14895 etc.....same sequence. Ten Tec has (as usual) been quite helpful and over the weekend I thought I would ask this group as many have extensive digital experience. The encoder (a Bourns ECW contact type) and the PIC16C87 have both been replaced and wiring/components/soldering checked. Any help appreciated.
Tnx es 73
Pete NV4V

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 15:50:28 -0500
From: Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
To: <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [158092] New Houston QRP Group
Message-ID: <960HiTuYC3264S02.1064091028@uwdvlg002.cms.usa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

The new Houston QRP group met for the first time today and had a great turnout. There is a lot of interest in low power operations in Southeast Texas, and we had a solid breakfast meeting as centrally located as was possible. =

We might not be able to stick with the "Houston" name though, as we had =

guys representing seven Southeast Texas area cities - Houston, Pasadena, Spring, Kingwood, Pearland, Webster, and Orange - and the group attendin=

g
this first meeting included some pretty well-known QRPers. =

If there is anyone in the Greater Houston area with an interest in a local group, our next meeting will be the 3rd Saturday of next month, it too will be at 9:00 am, and I'd be glad to answer any questions. Thanks for the bandwidth.

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 16:57:59 -0400
From: "John Sielke" <jsielke@pobox.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [158093] QRP Afield
Message-ID: <3F6C8717.21517.50D28F0@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Content-description: Mail message body

Just hung it up after about 5 hours. Couldn't find anybody I hadn't worked on 40 or 20.

Conditions as usual.....

Great fun though, at a picnic table next to the water, with the SD20 pole holding up the Norcal 44' doublet. K1 worked well.

Glad to work N0RC, and especially nice to work VE3JC/Bicycle Mobile!

Made only 30 QSOs, down from other years. I think I wore out the memory keyer calling CQ! Did get WQ1RP...in NC!

Very few (like maybe 2) other stations giving NEQRP numbers. Even WQ1RP sent 5W!

Fun...glad it's not over, as we will have the Saturday "Spartan Sprint to the Field" mini Field tests to look forward to each month...that was a GREAT idea!

John W2AGN

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 13:19:54 -0800
From: Jim Larsen <JimLarsen2002@alaska.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158094] Re: QRP Afield - Conditions in Alaska
Message-ID: <3F6CC47A.8090600@alaska.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Not one signal on the 20 meter CW (14.000-14.065) band here in Anchorage today.

73, Jim
Jim Larsen, AL7FS
Anchorage, Alaska
<http://www.qsl.net/al7fs>

John Sielke wrote:

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> 40 or 20. > Conditions as usual.....

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 17:36:55 -0400
From: "Alan Fryer" <N3BJ@hotmail.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158095] FS: Norcal 49er Stuff
Message-ID: <Law9-0E43dCA1Z4zxA200006f22@hotmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Doing a little cleaning up here and found the following Norcal 49er assortment:

- 49er complete, built up, think it had a problem, don't remember
- 49er incomplete, about half the parts are there, no xtal, but the ICs are there
- 49er board, Rev. B, unused, no parts

Good project for somebody - \$25 shipped

Alan, N3BJ
Bent Mountain, VA

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 15:46:34 -0600
From: "Rod NORC" <rod@n0rc.us>
To: <aa8vs@msn.com>, "qrp-1" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158096] Re: QRP Ideas
Message-ID: <005801c37fc0\$a96a4bf0\$6401a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Chuck,

----- Original Message -----

From: "Charles Mabbott" <aa8vs@msn.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2003 9:44 AM
Subject: QRP Ideas

> We have a group here in MI that is thinking about a couple of QRP
> things to
> do at the Plymouth Museum in Plymouth, MI.
>
> Set a time up to build QRP kit and put it on the air and the winner of
> contest is who makes the first contact.
>
> Who is a good supplier for the kits for a quick assembly time?
>

Wilderness Radio: NorCal 40

Small Wonder Labs: DSW-II, SW+ series, Rock-Mite

Any of these kits can be completed by a reasonably experienced build in
an afternoon. (I built a DSW yesterday afternoon and used it today in
QRP Afield.)

Elecraft K1

I built mine in one weekend recently.

> What band would be recommended 40/ 20 or ?
>

20, 30 or 40 are probably the best choice.

> What test equipment should be available to assist?
>

DMM, noise bridge (speeds alignment of RCVR strip)

> Next idea is
>
> Setup a sprint typ event 4 or 8 hours
>

If you want to get it all done, build, contest... in an afternoon, the Rock-Mite is probably the best choice. The Rock-Mite is what was used at the Pacificon event last year.

73, Rod N0RC

Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2003 15:57:27 -0600
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.us>
To: <jsielke@pobox.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [158097] Re: QRP Afield
Message-ID: <006201c37fc2\$2f23e390\$6401a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks John,

Actually W0NTA was driving when you worked us, but I was listening! :-)

The bands were not kind. This morning, about start time, the A index was

25. The most current WWV reports shows the A index at 35. UGH!

20 was long early in the AM. We checked the beacons early on, HI was good, CA marginal, things picked up a bit later on.

We made 42 contacts in about 4-6 hours, ME, FL, WA and CA among them. Set up was K2 @ 5W into a Dipole up about 30ft and/or a hamstick mounted on one of our cars.

Not the best day but, a bad day playing radio, beats a good day at work anytime! :-)

73, Rod NØRC

----- Original Message -----

From: "John Sielke" <jsielke@pobox.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2003 2:57 PM

Subject: QRP Afield

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